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System of National Accounts, 1993

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the System of National Accounts, 1993, updates, clarifies and simplifies the previous SNA and harmonizes it more completely with other sets of international standards in statistics,

Affirming that the 1993 SNA is a conceptual and accounting framework that is applicable to all countries,

Recognizing also that the 1993 SNA emphasizes flexibility, thus acknowledging the need to encourage its use in economies that differ widely and to facilitate international comparisons,

Noting that the 1993 SNA completes the integration of balance sheets, thus providing a fuller picture of the resources at an economy's disposal, consolidates hitherto separate presentations of important elements of an economy and lays the groundwork for dealing with interaction between the economy and the environment, and elaborates an analytical approach to the assessment of poverty through the Social Accounting Matrices,

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the member organizations of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts (the Statistical Division of the United Nations, the regional commissions of the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and

Development, the Statistical Office of the European Communities and the World Bank), non-governmental organizations, a number of member States, and many individual experts in national accounting for their contributions in the form of human and financial resources, to the development of the 1993 SNA, over a period of more than 10 years;

2. Recommends that member States consider using the 1993 SNA as the international standard for the compilation of their national accounts statistics, as an analytical tool, and to promote the integration of economic and related statistics at the national and international levels;

3. Recommends that member States use the 1993 SNA in the international reporting of comparable national accounting data;

4. Requests the Secretary-General and the members of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group of National Accounts to proceed with publication of the 1993 SNA in all six languages of the United Nations as rapidly as possible and to promote its wide dissemination;

5. Also requests member States and regional and international organizations to support all aspects of the implementation of the SNA - namely, basic data development; the issuance of handbooks, guidelines, manuals and special studies; training activities among both users and producers; and technical cooperation activities;

6. Further requests member States and regional international organizations to assist in support of further developmental work on methodologies identified in the research agenda;

7. Urges the Secretary-General to coordinate at a high level the mobilization of bilateral and multilateral resources for the implementation of the 1993 SNA.